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Provided is a conveying apparatus having simple mechanical and electrical configurations. The conveying apparatus includes: a conveying member that has a dielectric layer having insulating properties and made of an elastomer and a pair of electrode layers placed on both front and back sides of the dielectric layer and having conductive properties, and that is divided into a base portion and a conveying portion being more easily elastically deformed than the base portion and having on its surface a conveying path on which an object to be transported is transported; and a power supply unit that applies between the pair of electrode layers a voltage that changes periodically with time. The conveying portion is elastically extended and contracted with the base portion as a starting point according to a change in the voltage, so that the conveying apparatus transports the object on the conveying path.

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